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## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The more cartoons the Thurston organ makes in its attempt to ridicule the Home Rule party, the better chance for the absolute routing of the "missionary" sugar party in local politics. The Hawaiians who still admire Wilcox will be far more united at the next election than they were at the last promiscuous gathering of alleged Democrats, Republicans and Home Rulers, and confusion will reign supreme, while Congress will turn the glassy eye on the Thurston saccharine outfit. What political fools the missionary party is.

The Fire Claims Commission has so far done excellent work. The gentlemen who have served on the commission will now take a rest, and meet again sixty days from now to complete their work and report. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are involved in the claims laid before the commission, and we think that an unusual excellent work has been done, considering the nationalities and classes who presented their claims. The commission is to be complimented for their energy, fairness and expedition by all taxpayers and by the claimants.

The genealogy fight between great allies and descendants of royalty is becoming a fad here among certain Hawaiians. An article reprinted from this morning's Advertiser appears elsewhere in this issue and demonstrates the impossibility of our paper taking an active hand in recording pedigrees, through our limited space and scarcity of type. No one doubts the royal lineage of a lady who can sign herself Emma Alexandra Kalanikauikealani Kilioulaniuiamamao De Fries. Is it not about time that the senseless farce stopped? If this genealogy business is brought forward to get a "dig" into the crownlands we can assure the "allies" who are making pedigrees, that Uncle Sam is not in the habit of surrendering what is in his possession, and we can assure the "pedigreesters" that in these

days, it is what a man or a woman is, and no questions are asked to what their ancestors were.

Mr. W. O. Smith now advocates recreation grounds for children, and wisely suggests that lands should be preserved for such a purpose, before all available grounds are taken up for building purposes. Mr. Smith in a letter to the Advertiser says:

"At present the need for recreation grounds in localities which are densely populated is very great. The number of children and youth needing facilities of this nature is already large, and rapidly increasing. The efforts of those who have organized the Boys' Brigade are most commendable, but they are contending with great difficulties.

"The best work that can be done for promoting those things which make for law and order is with the young. The value of the persistent and great work of those carrying on the educational and religious institutions in the community cannot be over-estimated, but these should be supplemented. Greater facilities for exercise and occupation during spare hours should be provided for the active boys and girls."

The professional guardian is correct in his proposition although we believe that the young people of both sexes manage to have now all the "exercise and occupation" during spare time that they desire.

## More Genealogy.

The following appears in the Advertiser this morning and will undoubtedly lead to more trouble and cause more agony among our recently discovered allies.

"Kindly allow me a space in your valuable paper in reference to certain articles which appear in the Evening Bulletin of December 12 and 13, signed by a number of persons who wish to be known as 'True Genealogists.' While I do not pretend to anything that is not my due, and certainly do not consider it worth while to enter into any controversy with such brilliant literary and historical experts, I still feel that some notice should be taken of such crassly ignorant and illiterate falsifications.

I will not attempt here to contradict the articles, as to do that would require that they be written in an intelligible manner; but why, if these persons wished to vent their spleen on me, and incidentally their very ungrammatical English on an unsuspecting and uninterested public, I ask why they did not devote a little more time, to say nothing of some intelligence which possibly might prove an impossibility, before flying into print and stating for facts what they know, as well as everyone else, to be utterly untrue.

That they should also see fit to deny that the genealogy of the late Mrs. Kaumana Pihaiuilane Kapoli Widemann, of which I am accused of being the author, is not true, is only a further proof of their evident ignorance of Hawaiian history, but also of that of our ancient meles, which every intelligent Hawaiian knows by heart. I could suggest a number of occupations that might redound with more credit to these people, than that of publishing rot in the newspapers, but will only say in justice to myself and the intelligence of the Widemanns, which is brought into question, that they have not listened to "the product of the brains of a scheming woman who, as a means of extorting money," etc.—but rest assured that what they claim is their right, as that what I have claimed is mine.

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